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Left—JOE LYNCH, Bantamweight Champion of the World, who is scheduled to defend his title against Joe Burman of Chicago in a 15-round bout to a decision at New York City, Oct. 8th.

Right Upper—WALTER LONG, Matchmaker for American Legion Hollywood Stadium at Los Angeles, Calif.

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BIG MUNN

Omaha heavyweight whom Sioux City, Ia., promoters have matched with Farmer Lodge, St. Paul heavyweight for a bout on Oct. 14th. Munn is a former Nebraska University football star... He weighs 290 pounds and is managed by Gene Melady, well known Omaha Sportsman.

Jack Dempsey is Not Likely to Fight Again Until Next Summer; He May Tour Europe This Winter

Champion Besieged by Plenty of Challengers but It Is Probable That He Will Not Defend His Title Until He Meets Firpo Again—Harry Wills May Get Chance Later—Referee to Blame for Infractions of Rules in Dempsey-Firpo Bout, Says Andrews—Timely Ring Gossip

By TOM S. ANDREWS
(Noted Sports Writer and Boxing Critic)

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Providing Champion Jack Dempsey does not go to Europe for an exhibition tour the coming winter or possibly in the spring, it is a good bet the vanquisher of the "Wild Pampas Bull" will lay aside the padded mitts until next summer.

Jack has been the recipient of many challenges since he defeated Firpo, the most prominent being from Harry Wills, star colored boxer and claimant of the colored title. He also has been challenged by Ermino Spalla, the champion Italian heavyweight, Jack Johnson and others. Spalla would stand about as much chance against Dempsey as Jimmy Wilde. Wills, by his action in trying to prevent the match with Firpo by injunction, has sort of eliminated himself for the time being. He may get consideration later, but not just now, Firpo, too, will no doubt ignore Wills for the present, so that Harry had better get busy with others.

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Siki vs. Godfrey

Battling Siki, who came over for the purpose of getting a try at the title and big coin, has been matched with George Godfrey, a colored fighter, at Philadelphia, October 8th. This bout will give the fans a line on what Siki can do. Godfrey is not a Wills nor a Johnson, but he is a fairly good scrapper. Siki had his run-in with the authorities in New York when he tried to box an exhibition without a license, but the judge overlooked the violation on account of the Battler's ignorance of the law. Siki may make a good showing with Godfrey, but he will be very little nearer a match with Dempsey. Jack is too busy buying up gold bonds for the future. So far Jack has gathered in about $400,000 worth of bonds, which should keep the wolf from the door in his old age.

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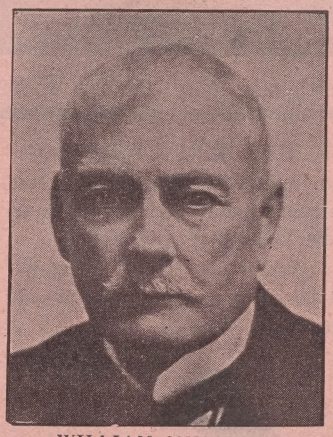
Dempsey Will Rest

Champion Jack intends to rest up at Salt Lake City and Los Angeles. He has not been bothered about trying to explain any of the doings in his match with Firpo, such as minor violations of rules, etc., as he wants to forget it for the time being. There have been claims and counter claims about fouls, but what violations were committed can well be laid to the referee, Johnny Gallagher, not because of any intentional feeling, but owing to his inexperience and the fact that



WILLIAM MULDOON
Chairman, N. Y. Boxing Commission

the happenings were so fast and of the kaleiodscopic kind that any one might have made the same errors, although a more experienced man would probably have avoided most of them. The Commission chairman, William Muldoon, stated to press representatives that had Firpo's seconds claimed the decision when Jack was helped through the ropes he would have had the verdict awarded to the South American. It would be a difficult matter to get the sporting writers or fans to accept such a verdict, for the simple reason that the champion, in the position he was in after the fall, could not have prevented the scribes from pushing him up. It would be most unfair to take a man's title away on such a claim. Of course the referee, by orders from the commission, could have rendered the decision and no doubt it would stand, but it would be unfair and would have created all kinds of arguments, if not court cases. When Dempsey hit Firpo at the end of the first round three times after the bell sounded, there is no doubt that the champion did not hear it. Then, too, it is quite probable that he was a bit dazed from the fall and did not seem to realize that the round had ended. It was the duty of the referee under such conditions to step between the men and prevent either one from delivering a blow. Jack violated the rules when he stood close to Firpo after the latter was knocked down, but if the referee had been wise to his own work he would merely have refused to count on the challenger until Dempsey started for a neutral corner. It is a 100 to 1 bet that Jack would have started for the neutral corner on a run if Mr. Referee had merely said: "Go to the corner or I stop counting." That would have been the most simple way out of it. Dempsey could have been reprimanded by the commission after the fight, but the referee could not have disqualified Jack for what he did. The penalty would have been in giving Firpo more time to rest.

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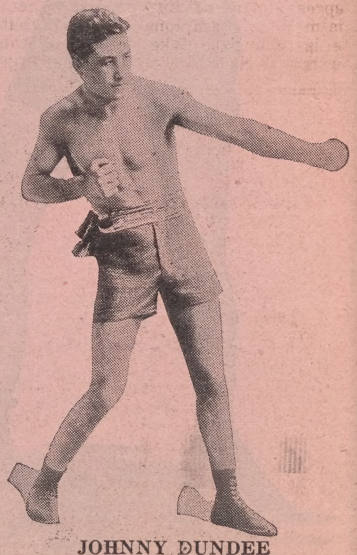
Johnny Dundee Loses $30,000

Johnny Dundee, featherweight champion, lost a big bunch of coin when he went to Philadelphia to keep an engagement with Eddie (Kid) Wagner. He was not prepared for the match and as a result the Quaker City lad was given the newspaper verdict. That gave the New York promoters a chance to postpone and eventually cancel the match with Benny Leonard at the Yankee stadium, New York. The match was originally set for September 7th and would have drawn close to $100,000 which would have netted Johnny



JOHNNY DUNDEE

around $20,000, but he got nothing. To make matters worse he also lost a guarantee of $12,000 for a bout in Ohio, which was canceled at the eleventh hour, so that the little champion was out over $30,000 all told.

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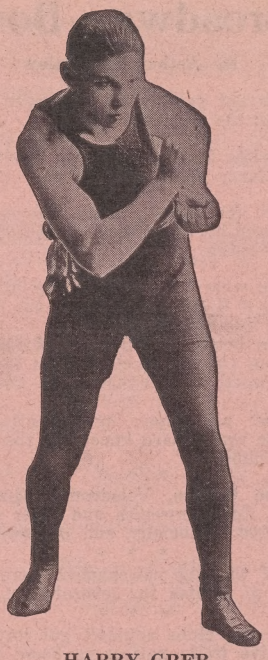
Welterweight Class Strong

The welterweights are having a merry time of late trying to find out who is who. Mickey Walker, who signs himself world's champion, is doing very well financially outside of New York state, where the boxing commission refuses to recognize him as title holder, but he would do still better in the Empire state. Jimmy Jones, Ohio star, upset Dave Shade's dreams of title holdings by handing him a defeat in Youngstown, Ohio, and made Billy Wells, the European sensation, see a million stars when he pushed him through the ropes at St. Paul. Wells was hurt so badly in striking his head that he was unable to go on with the match and had to cancel others in addition. It seems to have been a bad week for some of the welters as Jay Lanahan, a Brooklyn welter, had his skull fractured in a bout with Rocky Smith at Port Richmond, N. Y., by hitting the poorly padded ring with the back of his head. Bobby Green, a Chicago welter, was knocked through the ropes by Mickey Walker at Davenport, Iowa, and quite badly shaken up, so that the referee stopped the fight in the eighth and awarded Walker the technical verdict.

Just now Wells, Shade and Jones are running a race to see who will land a match first with Walker, for while the commission of New York may have "appointed a champion" they all recognize the fact that Mickey still has the real claim. There are three good welter matches in sight for New York—first Shade and Wells; the winner with Jones and the winner of this with Walker. Wells, as representative of Europe, has a real claim to a championship match, but he is willing to take on any of the bunch the New York commission suggests. That is fair, and it is only fair that Walker should then be compelled to meet Wells or the winner of the triangle tourney.



HARRY GREB

"Old" Jack Britton may break into the going again before the other welters settle the question of supremacy between them. Jack has been training diligently lately and says he is ready for the best and may take another shot at Walker. It is understood that when Mickey won the crown he agreed to give Britton a return match. Britton and Wells would be quite a card for any club to stage. Jack is clever enough to make Wells work his best, and if the Britisher could best the ex-champion he would certainly have a right to demand a match with Walker.

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Sid Marks Joins Gibbons-Collins Stable

Sid Marks, the Canadian lightweight champion, who created such a stir in New York and Philadelphia about a year ago when he knocked out several of the eastern lads in jig time, including Bobby Barrett, has placed himself under the care of Mike Gibbons and Mike Collins. Gibbons is of the opinion that he can make a near champion out of the Canuck. Marks was stopped by Charley White in a round, but he came right back and made good against other fighters. He is of the whirlwind variety of fighter and will try his speed against Tommy O'Brien, another cyclone, at Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 2nd. They are to fight twelve rounds at 135 pounds. Another lad whom the Collins-Gibbons combination have developed is Earl Blue, a young middleweight, who very much resembles the late Stanley Ketchel, not only in looks but in action. Blue hits like a mule kicking, but the chances are that his given name will be changed to Jack, Pat or Mike if he is to remain in the C-G stable.

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Greb May go to Europe

The passing of the world's middleweight title into the keeping of Harry Greb, Pittsburgh Windmill, has considerably affected the plans of the British champion, Roland Todd, who had contemplated a trip to America. Todd had been after a match with Johnny Wilson, but when Greb grabbed off the crown it spoiled the Englishman's chances with Wilson. Now Todd, who had been negotiating a return battle with Augie Ratner of New York, in London, has switched and taken on Jeff Smith instead. The latter has been after both Todd and Georges Carpentier, as he fought the Frenchman about ten years ago and always claimed to have had the worst of the decision. Smith and Todd are booked for a meeting before Major Wilson's club in London, October 24th, the distance to be 20 rounds. Greb had also been planning a trip to Europe for the purpose of meeting Todd and possibly Carpentier, but Jeff has beaten him to the match with the British champion. However, Greb, with his manager, Jimmy Mason, may make the trip anyway. Should Jeff Smith defeat Todd he intends to challenge the winner of the Beckett-Carpentier battle. Jack Bloomfield, the British light heavyweight title holder, is also after the winner of that contest.

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Carpentier-Beckett Again

What the Dempsey-Firpo battle was to American boxing fans the Carpentier-Beckett contest will be to European followers of the game when the latter pair clash at Major Wilson's big arena in London, October 2nd. Georges and Joe have been matched several times, but postponements were so numerous that the fans became disgusted. Finally Major Wilson got them together in a

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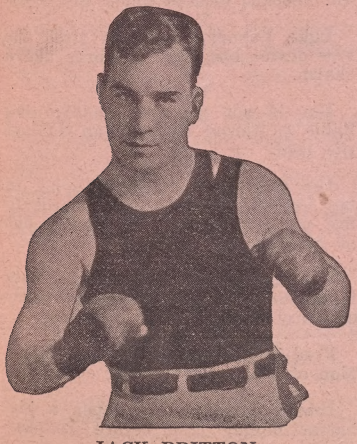

JACK BRITTON

JOE BECKETT

Breezy Broadway Boxing Bits

By Arthur T. Lumley

MULDOON declares that Dempsey could have been disqualified for being helped back into the ring.

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That's another one of those ridiculous woofy woofs after it's all over.

A. T. Lumley

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Muldoon also orders all fighters to have a clean shave in the ring.

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But neither Dempsey nor Firpo obeyed this woozy edict.

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Although the champion had a very close shave when he was driven through the ropes.

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Why shouldn't Muldoon have his own official barber or go into business with "John the Barber"?

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Not only to shave boxers but trim the big mop of hair some of them wear in action.

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It's hardly proper ring etiquette for a fighter to keep brushing his long locks out of his eyes continually.

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Maybe they wouldn't appear quite so esthetic without their flowing locks or bobbed hair.

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But they would look more like real battlers and be far more pleasing to the fans.

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No great fighter was ever fantastic and fastidious within the ropes.

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Jack Dempsey is quite a swell dresser out of the arena.

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But he's simply a wicked, ferocious caveman in battle.

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Mr. Muldoon has adopted many suggestions made by the Boxing Blade.

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And now that he's interested in boxers shaving why shouldn't he take some action regarding the mop-haired ringsters?

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"Bugs" Baer says: "When seen after the fight, Firpo was wearing a Japanese kimono. He thought he had been in the earthquake."

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Probably the Argentine Bull has also got the esthetic idea.

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For he purchased two more rubber collars and a violent red bandana handkerchief out of the $120,000 he received from his muss with Dempsey.

It's not yet known who gave Luis Angel the Japanese kimono.

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Paddy Mullins tells me he won't let Harry Wills fight Firpo.

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Wills for many, many moons has received over $2,000,000 worth of free advertising.

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But what good is all this great publicity if Harry keeps out of the ring?

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It's better to obtain $100,000 for boxing (in your pocket) than $2,000,000 worth of ballyhooing in hot air.

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The newspaper pressmen's big strike was a hard knock for the boxing clubs.

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The Garden, Velodrome, Queensboro, Commonwealth and other clubs suffered financially and otherwise.

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All the big newspapers were unable to publish for several days.

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So the clubs couldn't get any attractive press notices to boom their shows.

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And the opening of the Fall season was a bloomer instead of a boomer for the manly sport.

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The strike was also one of the chief reasons for Leonard and Dundee getting cold feet.

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They figured that their ninth fracas wouldn't draw without the usual newspaper hullabaloo.

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So Leonard and Dundee are now dickering with Rickard for a date at the Garden.

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Harry Greb and Mike McTigue will also conflict at the Garden before long.

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Joe Jacobs, McTigue's manager, assures me his champ will weigh in at or below 160 pounds.

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So if Mike wins he'll be both middle and light heavyweight champion of the world.

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And if Harry wins he'll be the King of these two classes.

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It's hard to recall where one battle was fought for two world's titles before.

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The Broadway sharpshooters are inclined to make Greb the favorite in the open betting so far.

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Many fans who paid $100 and more to witness the Dempsey-Firpo clash are very sore.

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Because most all the spectators in front of them jumped up on their seats and obstructed the view of the ring.

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This is invariably the case at the Garden also among the excited ringsiders.

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They howl and jump in the air whenever a wild, aimless swing is made by some crude slugger.

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"Wasn't that a corker! Oh, if it only landed!" some of these mad boobs yell.

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It don't matter whether the wild swing missed the mark by two or three feet.

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As long as the intended blow was very violent and audacious.

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According to Queensberry rules a miss counts against a poor marksman.

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But the majority of New York fans cheer wild blows—hit or miss.

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As I've stated before in this gossip, John L. Sullivan weighed only 175 when he won the heavyweight championship from Paddy Ryan in 1882.

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And if old John L. was in the same form today as he was on that occasion, what a mess he would make of either Dempsey or Firpo.

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But what's the use of trying to convince the youngsters of today of Sullivan's wonderful fighting ability.

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It may be a hundred years, however, before another John L. looms up in the pugilistic arena.

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Izzy Faber has applied for a patent for a spring board that will throw fighters back into the ring when they are knocked over or under the ropes.

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Luke Carney, who has tried the new device out, says it works like a charm.

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But if not properly handled it's liable to throw a boxer up against the roof.

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Leo Millionaire Flynn is going to buy one of Faber's spring boards to fire punk managers and boxers out of his Broadway office.

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Fred Burns, the very popular fistic announcer of some years ago, passed away recently quite unnoticed.

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Fred in his heyday was the champion of them all as a ring orator.

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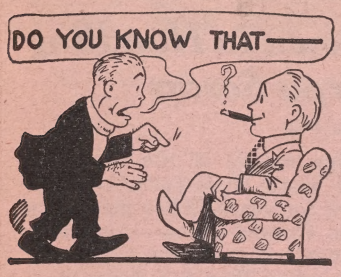
Jimmy Johnston may open a big indoor boxing club before Thanksgiving.



JACK down twice and Luis nine times—the results in brief of the last world's championship bout.

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The last time big Luis went down he forgot to get up. That's what settled the whole fracas.

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Muldoon said a lot of things after the fight, but no one cared.

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Everyone said it was a great battle, in fact, one of the greatest. Almost everyone also said that Rickard did not draw any bouquets as far as handling the crowd was concerned.

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Man is somewhat like a sausage,
Very smooth upon the skin,
But you never can tell exactly
How much hog there is within.

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Dave Shade journeyed from New York to St. Paul last week to give a young fellow a boxing lesson. Dave did a very nice careful job.

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Boxing talent available in St. Paul is scarce so we must be careful, said Leo to Dave. Leo Flynn, New York's prominent matchmaker, was Dave's chief second.

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Now we will sing that famous ditty: I never looked up our family tree, but I know that I am a sap.

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Tom Andrews and Frank Mulkern both insisted that they would run a show a night apart at Milwaukee. The Wisconsin boxing commission said, now boys, one at a time, and better shows, and everyone went home happy.

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What about it? Jimmy Delaney's Wisconsin News column.

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Siki and Jack Johnson will do a turn at Toronto soon.

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Farmer Lodge is back home from the Dempsey training camp, where the Farmer did the heavy work preparing the Champ for Firpo.

Lodge says that the two Jacks are both champions—they paid the Farmer $100 a day and all expenses.

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One hundred dollars a day and expenses is a lot more than any other farmer made this season.

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Also it is a lot more than some sparring partners have received for a whole's summer's work in other camps.

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Maybe that is why they ain't all champions.

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It's a great life if you don't welcome.

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One-eyed Connelly is still champion gate crasher.

Jess Willard is still ex-champion.

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A stitch in time gathers no moss.

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Jack Reddick, Canadian middleweight champion who is also the promoter at Moose Jaw, was a handy man for himself at his last show. One of his semi-windup men insisted on more dough before going on. Jack says just wait right here a minute and while the would be wise preliminary boxer was waiting, Jack had changed his clothes and was in the ring and before his opponent had time to protest, Reddick had him well whipped and the semi-windup was over. And the wise boxer was still waiting for more dough in his dressing room.

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He is still waiting.

How I Have See Ze Gr-r-ate Fight

Newspaper Report by a Stranger in a Strange Land

By JAY PAY O'CONNOR

(In Zits Weekly, New York City)

I have been sent by ze Zit's Weekly Newspaper to give ze report on ze beeg fight. I am speak not mooch ze Ingleesh, but I am smart newspaper man een my countree, so I tell you to make you enlightenment.

Eet ees ze approachment of ze time for ze gr-r-rate fight of ze champion-sheeps weet Meestaire Jackos Dampseat, and ze gr-r-ate, ze renowned, ze wonderfool Bool of ze Souse Hammerricane pee-pools, Seenyer Looie Fare-po.

Eet ees about too prepare to commence to beegin.

Ze gr-r-rate what chu call heem, ze Pulley Grounds ees feel up weet ze feeftee dollair seat, ze gr-r-rate reech peepul of ze gr-r-rate H-Amerrican, he have climb ze fence to see ze gr-r-rate Champion of ze Souse Ham-merri-can, Looie Fare-po-Vee-Va.

Ha! Ze gr-r-rate Champion Jackos Dampseat have entered ze Ar-rena. He ees have a verry mooch worry look on ze face. He are not so fat like ze newspaper have say. Ha! Now Prepare! Ze gr-r-rate Bool, ze gr-r-rate Fare-po have condescend to entair ze Ar-r-rena. Everee body ees geev ze cheer—Vee-Va! Vee-Va!

Ha! Now zay are speek each weet ze othair and weet ze what chu call heem—rafferee. He ees speek too, also. Now, somebody have make a reeng from ze bell—Bong! Bong! Now, zay are both go eento ze centair of ze meedle of ze Ar-r-rena, zay are shake ze hand—verry good frend. Swat! Sock! Ze gr-r-rate Bool Fare-po, he have treep on ze carpet—Now! He ees up. Swat! Sock! He ees reeline on ze floor again—One! Two! Three time he have bounce down ond up from ze floor. Wander-fool! Bool!—Wander-fool! He ees fool ze gr-r-rate H-Amerry-can man. He have told ze newspaper man he would make ze bounce from ze rope and so knock out ze gr-r-rate Dampseat, but he have surround heemself weet rubbair band, so he have bounce up and down, eenstead. He have bounce up and down eight time already. Wander-fool! Now weet wan poosh, he can poosh Jackos Dampseat troo ze rope—Feenish! He ees ween ze fight—No! Zat Jackos Dampseat ees een ze Ar-r-rena again. Ze bell have reeng. Now! Ze bell have reeng again for ze next fight—Ha! Jackos Dampseat have heet ze Bool wan poonch. Ze gr-r-rate Bool have began to bouncing again. He have bounce two time. He are not arise. Ze referree ees count, one, two, three, four—up to ten. He say "Looie Fare-po, ze gr-r-rate Bool, ees out"—Out! He ees een—all een. Not out. Everybody cheer loudly, "Who ees ze gr-r-rate Bool of ze Souse Ham-merry-can!" Looie Fare-po, right! Who ees go een "Ze Bool" and come out "Ze Jackass," Looie Fare-po! Right! Wanderfool! Ha! But ze gr-r-rate pooblick, ze gr-r-rate Ham-merry can ceetezen, ze wanderfool—he ees ze gr-r-rate champion of ze Bool, Looie Fare-po! Vee-Va.

We tank you varry mooch-a, Good-bye.

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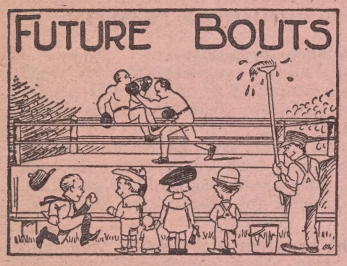
Tex Rickard Fell Down In Handling Dempsey-Firpo Scrap

From Boston Post

Only the brisk and enthralling nature of the Dempsey-Firpo fight prevented that recent battle from furnishing the greatest sport scandal in New York for years. When more than 100,000 persons stormed the Polo Ground gates—some with tickets and some without—the police fell down, the ushers fell down and Tex Rickard fell down. And they fell down hard. Thousands of ticket holders never got inside the grounds, and thousands more that did get inside never saw what was going on in the ring. If the fight itself had been anything but an emotional blizzard, the newspapers the next day would have featured the flim-flam phase of the ticket selling, and grand juries and district attorneys would be investigating now. One Boston business man who paid $27.50 for a seat had to pay three ushers inside the grounds a dollar apiece to have his seat pointed out, and then had to slip a policeman a $5 note to have some gate crasher ousted from the seat. That is typical of what happened in hundreds of cases. So far as staging future combats at either the Giant or Yankee parks is concerned, Tex Rickard is absolutely through. His so-called perfectly arranged bout was a perfect flop.



Pancho Villa vs. Benny Schwartz, 10 rounds, Baltimore, Md., Oct. 8th.

Georges Carpentier vs. Joe Beckett, 20 rounds, London, England, Oct. 1st.

Jock Malone vs. Lou Bogash, 10 rounds, Bridgeport, Conn., Oct. 4th.

Sammy Nable vs. Tommy Murphy, 10 rounds, Trenton, N. J., Oct. 8th.

Dave Rosenberg vs. Irish Paddy Flynn, 10 rounds, Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 4th.

Yussel Pearlstein vs. Joe Borrell, 12 rounds, West New York, N. J., Oct. 10th.

Pete Zivic vs. Young Montreal, 10 rounds, Providence, R. I., Oct. 12th.

Irish Johnny Curtin vs. Mike Ballerino, 12 rounds, Bayonne, N. J., Oct. 4th.

Sid Marks vs. Tommy O'Brien, 10 rounds, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, Oct. 2nd.

Jimmy Delaney vs. Hugh Walker, 10 rounds, Watertown, S. D., Oct. 5th.

Bud Logan vs. Battling Krause, 10 rounds, Watertown, S. D., Oct. 5th.

Gunner Joe Quinn vs. Bob Devine, 10 rounds, Appleton, Wis., Oct. 5th.

Earl Blue vs. Fritz Knipp, 10 rounds, Waterloo, Iowa, Oct. 9th.

Farmer Lodge vs. Big Munn, 10 rounds, Sioux City, Iowa, Oct. 14th.

Jimmy Delaney vs. Bert Colima, 4 rounds, Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 16th.

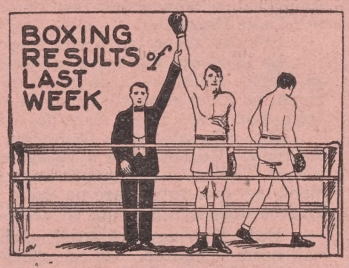
Bates Cunningham vs. Jimmy Gill, 10 rounds, La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 26th.

Donnie Dean vs. Julie Wirth, 6 rounds, La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 26th.

Battling Krause vs. Eddie Morris, 8 rounds, Sioux Falls, S. D., Oct. 12th.

Russie Le Roy vs. Roscoe Hall, 10 rounds, Sioux Falls, S. D., Oct. 12th.

Battling Krause vs. Al Van Ryan, 10 rounds, Mitchell, S. D., Oct. 18th.



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Pancho Villa defeated Tony Thomas, ten rounds at Boston, Mass., Sept. 24th.

Harry Kid Brown won on a foul from George Chaney in the first round at Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 24th.

Panama Joe Gans defeated Italian Joe Gans, twelve rounds in Harlem, New York City, Sept. 15th.

Joe Souza defeated Frankie Coster, twelve rounds in Harlem, New York City, Sept. 15th.

Frankie Jerome and Carl Duane boxed twelve rounds to a draw at New York City, Sept. 21st.

Willie Davis defeated Jack Stark, six rounds at New York City, Sept. 21st.

Jimmy Hutchinson and Joe Ritchie boxed six rounds to a draw at New York City, Sept. 21st.

Tommy McKiernan defeated Jim Miller, four rounds at New York City, Sept. 21st.

Jimmy Mendo and Tommy Ryan boxed ten rounds to a draw at Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 21st.

Joe Ross and Roger Wagner boxed ten rounds to a draw at Danbury, Conn., Sept. 21st.

Willie Kohler defeated Dutch Brandt, six rounds at Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 15th.

Lew Perfetti defeated Gus Marino, six rounds at Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 15th.

Cannonball Eddie Martin defeated Johnny Vestri, six rounds, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 17th.

Sammy Bienfeld and Corporal Izzy Schwartz boxed six rounds to a draw at Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 17th.

Joe Glick defeated Joe Richie, six rounds, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 17th.

Frankie Albano defeated Joe Reggie, six rounds, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 17th.

Jackie Snyder defeated George Meagnut, six rounds, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 17th.

Willie Gilligan defeated Sonny Cashin, ten rounds, at New York City, Sept. 20th.

Joey Sangor defeated Spencer Gardner, twelve rounds, at New York City, Sept. 21st.

Rocky Smith knocked out Jay Lanahan, twelfth round, at Staten Island, New York, Sept. 17th.

Frankie (Young) Laurette knocked out Marty Summers, sixth round, at Troy, N. Y., Sept. 17th.

Jimmy Slattery defeated Johnny Klesch, six rounds, at Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 17th.

Buck Josephs defeated Joey (Spark Plug) Russell, ten rounds, at Newark, N. J., Sept. 20th.

Johnny Russell and Chick Kansas boxed ten rounds to a draw at Newark, N. J., Sept. 20th.

Ray Newman and Sailor Tom Maxted boxed ten rounds to a draw at Newark, N. J., Sept. 20th.

Willie Herman defeated Danny Cooney, ten rounds, at Trenton, N. J., Sept. 17th.

Joe Matranga defeated Johnny Coney, twelve rounds, at Jersey City, N. J., Sept. 17th.

Harry Mulcahy and Joey Baker boxed twelve rounds to a draw at Jersey City, N. J., Sept. 17th.

Little Jeff knocked out Kid Fredericks, seventh round, at Baltimore, Md., Sept. 20th.

Hank Dundee defeated Steve Cole, eight rounds, at Baltimore, Md., Sept. 20th.

Phinney Boyle and Frankie Quill boxed ten rounds to a draw at Nashua, N. H., Sept. 17th.

George Ward defeated Eddie Shevlin, ten rounds, at Boston, Mass., Sept. 21st.

"Wolf" Larson knocked out Billy Nelson, first round, at Boston, Mass., Sept. 21st.

Steve Gustin defeated Freddie Williams, ten rounds, at Boston, Mass., Sept. 21st.

Terry McManus defeated Billy Belson, eight rounds, at Boston, Mass., Sept. 21st.

Johnny Schoendorf defeated Jimmy Amito, ten rounds, at Boston, Mass., Sept. 18th.

George Godfrey knocked out Buddy Jackson, second round, at Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 17th.

Sid Terris defeated Frankie Rice, ten rounds, at Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 17th.

Benny Valger defeated K. O. Mars, twelve rounds, at Springfield, Ohio, Sept. 17th.

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final effort to bring off the match and had each one post a forfeit of $10,000 for appearance. Everything seems set for the big event and it will no doubt take place as scheduled.

It will mean considerable to the winner, although Beckett, who was recently married, stated he had promised his bride to retire from the ring after this clash. However, should he win it is a 10 to 1 bet that Joseph will set sail for America and a Dempsey match.

In Paris it is different. It is whispered there that should Georges be winner he will set sail for America with his little manager, Deschamps, immediately, or as soon as any big match can be arranged for Madison Square Garden, New York. Deschamps plans to take with him Charley Ledoux, former European bantam champion, and Paul Fritsch, who is contender for the European lightweight title. One rumor has it that Deschamps has in mind a Carpentier-Siki match in the states, as he realizes it would draw more money here than in Europe. He figures there would be no objection to the colored man fighting Carpentier, as they met before in France. Of course all the plans of the wily Frenchman are liable to be knocked into a cocked hat by Beckett winning. You never can tell!

Then again there is a story in London and Paris that Champion Jack Dempsey plans to visit Europe this fall and give some exhibitions or do some music hall work. Even an exhibition against two or three of the big heavyweights of Europe the same night would no doubt draw out a large gathering in London, especially at the new arena, Wembley Stadium, which seats 130,000 people. That is 40,000 more than the Polo Grounds, New York, can seat, which would not sound bad to Messrs. Dempsey and Kearns. Why not have Jack meet the entire bunch the same evening—winner of the Carpentier-Beckett match; Marcel Nilles, French heavyweight, and Ermino Spalla, Italian champion heavyweight. It would give the fans a good opportunity to see the world's champion in action, as there would be at least three to five rounds of boxing.

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Eddie Kid Wagner Seeks New Honors

Eddie (Kid) Wagner, the Philadelphia boy, who made such a mess of the Johnny Dundee-Benny Leonard match when he defeated the little Italian champion, is now after the junior lightweight crown held by Jack Bernstein of New York. Previous to the Dundee match, Max Hoff, manager of Wagner, has posted $2,500 with the N. Y. Commission to bind a title bout with Johnny, but it was turned down. After Johnny beat Criqui for the featherweight crown, Wagner appeared to suit Johnny as he accepted the match in Philadelphia without hesitation. What followed is well known boxing history. Wagner has again challenged for the junior crown and there are many who think he will stand a splendid chance of defeating Bernstein should they meet in the ring. His defeat of such boys as Babe Herman, Elino Flores, Earl Baird, Johnny Darcy, Johnny Reisler and Kid Kaplan speaks well of his class.

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Boxing Imposter Pinched

Mike Dundee, the Rock Island featherweight, whom Dick Curley thinks will beat Johnny Dundee for the title when they meet, is sore at some young fighter down south who has been masquerading under the name of the Illinois star. The false Dundee appeared at Shreveport, La., but the promoter was tipped off and had the fellow arrested, charging him with attempting to get a percentage under false pretenses, by representing himself as Mike Dundee of Illinois. Such methods are bad for the game and do good fighters real harm. Reports of such affairs are sent broadcast and it is a hard matter to contradict the same through the press. Jail sentences might have a good effect.

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Harold Smith Gets Even

Harold Smith, Chicago bantam, believes in the Wilsonian system of "watchful waiting." Last May when Benny Leonard and Pinky Mitchell met in Chicago in what proved a bad thing for the game there, Harold Smith was on in one of the prelims with Lew Hurley of New York. Harold was going fine until Hurley swung a haymaker from the canvas and it tore Smith's ear almost in two. Harold lost the fight, but he said he would not be satisfied until he got Mr. Hurley into the ring again. The chance came last week at Aurora, Ill., when they met again and this time the Smith boy made it very conclusive that he was the master. The newspapers did not hesitate to give Harold the verdict and at the finish of the ten rounds his ear was intact. Now Harold is satisfied and ready for the champion—Joe Lynch.

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Peter Gaudes Claims Canadian Title

Little Peter Gaudes, the young flyweight, who made Milwaukee his home for a time, takes exception to the claim of Kid LaRue as flyweight champion of Canada. Peter has been making a tour of the west with Doc Lunt, his manager, meeting all comers at his weight. So far he has been very successful in all his bouts and is now in Colorado Springs, Colo., where he expects to get a match with one of the eastern stars. Patsy McCartin, the old-time heavyweight star, now chief of the fire department at Colorado Springs, has taken a fancy to Gaudes and wants to back him against the best in the land for anything from $1,000 to $5,000 a side.

Heavyweight Kings in the Last Century

In 107 years, from 1816 to 1923, twenty men have held the heavyweight championship. John L. Sullivan ruled longer than any other titleholder, his reign lasting ten years, from 1882 to 1892. Jack Johnson comes next, with seven years, as did Tom Allen. Jim Jeffries was supreme for six years. Jack Dempsey has held the crown more than four years.

Following is a list of the heavyweight champions and the years each held the title:

Champion	Years.
Jacob Hyer	1816-1820
Tom Hyer	1841-1847
John Morrissey	1853-1858
John C. Heenan	1858-1861
Joe Coburn	1862-1864
Bill Davis	1864-1865
James Bunn	1865-1866
Mike McCoole	1866-1869
Charles Gallagher	1869-1869
Tom Allen	1869-1876
Joe Goss	1876-1880
Paddy Ryan	1880-1882
John L. Sullivan	1882-1892
James J. Corbett	1892-1897
Bob Fitzsimmons	1897-1899
James J. Jeffries	1899-1905
Tommy Burns	1906-1908
Jack Johnson	1908-1915
Jess Willard	1915-1919
Jack Dempsey	1919- ?

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JACK RENAULT KAYOS "TINY" HERMAN IN 7TH

Omaha, Neb.—"Tiny" Jim Herman, the heavyweight boxer whom Omaha fans had hoped to see fight Luis Firpo in the Argentine this fall, was knocked cold in the seventh round of his scheduled ten-round bout with Jack Renault, Canadian from the stables of Leo P. Flynn of New York, here Sept. 21. Some 5,000 fans jammed the city auditorium to see the fight.

A short left jab and a sharp right cross, both landing on the point of Herman's chin, put him in the land of Nod. Dropping back like a felled tree, Herman lay prone on his back, motionless. When the count of eight had been tolled off by Referee Leo Shea, he struggled to rise. He rolled over and got his knees under him just as Shea brought down his hand for the tenth second and the big, lumbering "Tiny" staggered against the ropes and tumbled out of the ring. His seconds and Renault dragged him back into the square and worked on him for several minutes before he was able to rise and totter from the ring to his dressing room.

Renault had had his own way most of the time up to the knockout. When they strode out of their corners after the first gong, Herman missed two of his left swings, Renault calmly ducking under them and retaliating with a tattoo on the Omahan's stomach and short ribs with stinging jabs.

Renault's punches were lightning-like in their speed. And every punch he "started" found its mark. Herman's blows were wild, many of them missing the Canadian by feet.

As Renault stepped out of his corner for the seventh round, those at the ringside heard Flynn say, "All right, Jack, straighten him and put him away."

Jack followed instructions. The round had but fairly started when Renault shot his sharp left to Herman's jaw and followed it closely with a vicious right straight to the "button." Tiny toppled over. Renault was given a big "hand." The crowd refused to leave the arena. They jammed about the ringside, watching the seconds work on "Tiny," and when the Omahan was sufficiently restored to leave the ring they gave him hearty applause.

Renault weighed in at 195 and Herman at 223.

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SIX BOUTS SCHEDULED FOR GIBBONS-COLLINS BOXERS

Six bouts have been lined up by Mike Gibbons and Mike Collins for boxers in their stable.

Jim Delaney, St. Paul light heavyweight, is matched with Hugh Walker of Kansas City for ten rounds at Watertown, S. D., Oct. 5th.

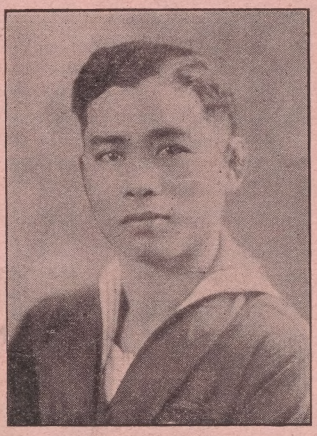
On the same card, Bud Logan, welterweight, will fight Battling Krause of North Dakota ten rounds.

Gunner Joe Quinn, Minneapolis middleweight, will tackle Mike Devine at Appleton, Wis., on Oct. 5th.

Sid Marks, Canadian lightweight champion, will meet Tommy O'Brien of California and Milwaukee at Winnipeg on Oct. 2nd.

Earl Blue, St. Paul middleweight, boxes Fritz Knipp at Waterloo, Ia., on Oct. 9th.

Jim Delaney will make a trip to California where he is scheduled to meet Bert Colima Oct. 16th, in a four-round bout at Promoter Jack Doyle's Vernon arena in Los Angeles.



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THREE KNOCKOUTS ON ABERDEEN CARD

Three knockouts featured the boxing card put on by the American Legion at Aberdeen, S. D., Sept. 21st. Stewart McLean, St. Paul featherweight, knocked out Georgie Bowers of North St. Paul in the first round of the scheduled 10-round main event. In the semi-windup, Earl Blue, St. Paul middleweight, stopped Hy Hammerstein, South Dakota heavyweight champion, who weighed 185, in three rounds. Billy Emke, St. Paul middleweight, kayoed Young Hurley in the third round. Paul Mlinar, bantamweight from St. Paul, outpointed Joe La Boon of Fort Snelling in four rounds.

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DAVE SHADE EASILY BEATS DAGO JOE GANS

Dave Shade, California contender for Mickey Walker's world welterweight title, easily defeated Dago Joe Gans of St. Paul in ten rounds at St. Paul, Sept. 21st. Shade sailed through at a fast clip, winning as he pleased and showing Gans more gloves than he ever saw in one evening before. Gans was badly beaten and seemed on the verge of a knockout several times. In the six-round semi-windup Al Van Ryan of St. Paul shaded Russie Leroy, Fargo, N. D., lightweight.

Sammy Leonard of Minneapolis, former amateur lightweight champion at the University of Minnesota knocked out Irish Kennedy of St. Paul in the second round. Leonard was floored himself for a count of three in the first round but showed a lot of class by solving Kennedy's awkward style and socking him to sleep with a volley of rights and lefts to the jaw in the second. Jimmy Josephs and Kid Skally, St. Paul featherweights, boxed four rounds to a draw.

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JIMMY CASHILL WINS TWO BOUTS IN TWO NIGHTS

Jimmy Cashill, St. Paul featherweight, scored two victories in two nights at Eureka, S. D., Sept. 19th and 20th. On the first night he knocked out Jack Curtin in three rounds. The next night he beat Al Norton of St. Paul in ten rounds. Kid Skally, St. Paul featherweight, knocked out Kid Law in three rounds on the same card.

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SOUTHERN FANS KEYED UP FOR STRIBLING-McTIGUE BOUT

Columbus, Ga.—Boxing fans of this section are keyed up for the bout here, Oct. 4th, when Young Stribling, Pride of the South, will make a bid for greater fame by meeting Mike McTigue, world's light heavyweight champion. The bout has attracted international interest. A London, England newspaper has written for pictures of Stribling to show its readers what the American challenger looks like. McTigue having won the title from Battling Siki in Ireland, the boxing fans of the British Isles are closely following his bouts in the United States. McTigue was born in Ireland but has been a naturalized American citizen for a long time. Admirers of Stribling are confident that the Macon, Ga., fighter has a great chance to take the championship from McTigue.

IF

Luis Firpo had known anything about the Science of Boxing when he fought Jack Dempsey he might have won the world's heavyweight championship.

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Firpo Gets More Votes Since His Defeat by Dempsey Than Before

Mass of Votes for South American Fighter in Last Week Cuts Down Lead of Harry Wills and Tom Gibbons—Spectacular Battle With Champion Wins Popularity for "Wild Bull"—Contest Will End in Four Weeks When World Wide Vote Will Give Decision of Public as to Most Popular Boxers to Meet Champions in All Classes

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Owing to lack of space, after next week the Boxing Blade will only publish the names of boxers having 500 votes and upwards.

Harry Wills, the Negro candidate, is still holding first position among contenders for the heavyweight title with 19,100; Tom Gibbons follows with 13,700, and Luis Angel Firpo is third with 12,110.

If votes for Firpo continue to come in the way they have since his bout with Dempsey, the South American looks like a sure shot to win the contest to select the most worthy opponent for the champion.

Firpo Wins Popularity

The public has taken a decided change in their attitude towards him since his spectacular bout with the champion on Sept. 14th. He has cut down the big lead of Harry Wills and has caused Tom Gibbons to almost stand still in the voting. Despite his quick defeat, Firpo's increasing votes indicate he is still a popular contender to meet Jack Dempsey.

Tiger Flowers, the popular Negro light heavyweight, is still in the lead for light heavyweight honors, with a vote of 14,000. Harry Greb is second with 13,700, Tom Gibbons third with 13,300, Jim Delaney fourth with 7,300, and Gene Tunney fifth with 6,300.

Jeff Smith, who is now piloted by Jimmie Bronson, leads the middleweight race, with 10,400 votes. Jock Malone is second with 9,300, Jack Reddick third with 7,700 and Billy Emke fourth with 4,600.

Dave Shade Leads Welters

Dave Shade is the most popular welterweight by a vote of 9,800. Billy Wells is second with 6,700, Jimmy Jones third with 4,800, and ex-champion Jack Britton fourth with 3,900.

Sailor Friedman of Chicago holds down first position as the proper 140-pounder to box Pinkie Mitchell for his Junior Welter title. Friedman has a vote of 7,500. Basil Galiano is second with 6,400, and Tommy O'Brien third with 4,600.

Charley White, Chicago's left hook artist, has jumped into first place as the most popular lightweight as an opponent for Benny Leonard. White leads the bunch with 7,700 votes. Rocky Kansas is next with 7,200, and Johnny O'Donnell holds down third position with 4,100.

Sammy Mandell Holds Top

Sammy Mandell's friends voted 9,000 strong and put Sammy on top of the list to fight Johnny Dundee. The popular Chicago featherweight has been leading this division for four weeks and is still up there on top of the list. Mickey O'Dowd is second with 7,800, and Mike Dundee third with 7,200.

LUIS ANGEL FIRPO

Pal Moore has 10,300 votes and is leading the bantamweights. Carl Tremaine is second with 7,200, and Joe Burman third with 5,200.

Bud Taylor, Eddy Long's flyweight protege, is leading all the little fellows with 11,100 votes as the most popular boxer to meet Pancho Villa for flyweight honors. Young Van Ness is a close second with 10,300 to his credit. Bobby Wolgast is third with 3,400.

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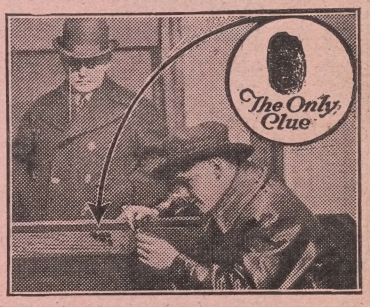

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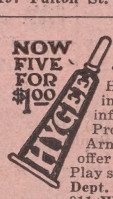

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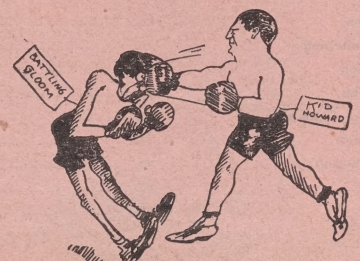

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